

APPROVED
Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee
May 22, 2008

Members present: Gerry Boyle, Elissa Brown, Dinny McIntyre, Ken Miller, Barbara Pike, Andrea Siani, Jim Terry

Members absent: Harry Beyer, Jim Coutre

Recorder: Barbara Pike (clerk)

Others present: Marcia Rasmussen and a number of citizens

Moved, seconded, approved:
To accept minutes from the April 17 Advisory Committee meeting

Discussion:

VHB will update the 25% design, incorporating the erratum and design changes based on Town Meeting votes. Funds from the \$50,000 approved at Town Meeting will be used to pay for these services. Estimated cost is \$5,000.

Marcia Rasmussen reported that the Project Notification Form, the Project Information Form, and the 25% design (including the erratum and TM votes) have been filed with the state. It will be heard at the Mass Highway Project Review Committee Meeting in June.

If approved by the PRC, the Town's 25% design will be distributed to the various State agencies for a 60-day review period. It is anticipated that Mass Highway will hold a public hearing for the Town's 25% design in the fall.

Marcia reported that the Town has submitted an application for design funding through the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program.

The AC web site will be updated.

Dinny explained that the function of the AC will become one of implementation. The AC likely will continue to meet once a month in order to oversee progress by staff and consultants and to provide a forum for public comments.

It will also report back to the Selectmen and provide a liaison with other pertinent Town committees.

Of those committee members present, all expressed a desire to continue except for Andrea, who wishes to resign. Elissa will contact Harry and Jim C to determine their status.

The Mass Highway Route 2 Corridor Advisory Committee meets quarterly. Since the BFRT has been incorporated into the Rotary redesign project, the AC appointed Ken to attend the meetings. Jim Terry will be the backup.

Elissa will give a copy of the Town's 25% design to EarthTech, which has the contract for the Rotary 25% design.

The trail crossing of the MBTA commuter line was discussed. It was suggested that there be a public discussion of building a ramp over the tracks. We would need to know the required minimum height and provide information on the visual impact in the Village center.

Marcia will obtain a copy of the alternatives that Acton's consultants, GPI, suggested for the trail crossing of Route 2A.

Ken will find out if the West Concord study group has any ideas.

Barbara will contact the Historical Commission (Nancy Butman) to ask for suggestions about incorporating history and photos into our project.

Town staff and the AC (with Elissa as the lead) will prepare a CPA application for 75% design funding over the summer. The application is due by the end of September.

Citizen comments: Judy LaRocca, Peter Flynn, Jane Cullinane

The next AC meeting was scheduled for June 26.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 am.